the activities of the National Horticulture Board also provide for private sector participation.

Mumbai's local train network

*617. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to revamp Mukbai's local train network, the city's life line, in two phases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its estimated cost; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The improvement to Mumbai Local Train network has been taken up under the rail component of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) Phase-I. The proposal for MUTP Phase-II has been received and is under the consideration of Ministry of Railways.

(b) The cost of MUTP Phase-I is Rs. 3125 crore. It includes Resettlement and Rehabilitation of 15,857 Project Affected Hosueholds (PAHs) at a cost of Rs. 290 crore, infrastructure works costing Rs. 1476 crore and procurement of rolling stock at a cost of Rs. 1359 crore. The details of Rail projects being executed under MUTP Phase-I are shown in the enclosed statement (see below).

(c) Phase-I of MUTP is already sanctioned and under execution. Approval to MUTP Phase-II has already been given by Govt. of Maharashtra and the same is under examination of Ministry of Railways.

Statement

Rail projects being executed under MUTP

(Rs. in crore)

S.No.	Projects	Cost
1.	Provision of 5th line Western Railway	59.00
2.	5th & 6th line between Kurla-Thane	166.00
3.	Borivali-Virar Quadrupling	436.00
4.	Optimization of Western Railway	50.00
5.	Optimization of Central Railway	100.00
6.	Optimization of Harbour line	20.00
7.	Direct Current to Alternating Current Conversion	380.00

8.	Virar Car Shed	
9.	Electric Multiple Unit Procurement/manufacture/ retrofitment	1359.00
10.	Electric Multiple Unit Maintenance facilities	64.00
11.	Stabling lines for Electric Multiple Units	49.00
12.	Procurement of Track Machines	31.00
13.	Technical Assistance	40.00
14.	Resettlement & Rehabilitation	290.00
15.	Capital Expenditure for setting up of Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation	8.00
	TOTAL	**3125.00**

Fertilizer subsidies

*618. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to rationalise fertilizer subsidies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to target fertilizer subsidies only to the needy farmers/marginal and small farmers; and

(d) if so, the rationale behind the proposed exercise?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) With the objective of rationalizing subsidy on fertilizers, a group based New Pricing Scheme for urea units was introduced w.e.f. 1.4.2003 replacing the erstwhile unit specific Retention Price Scheme. NPS aims at greater transparency, uniformity and efficiency in disbursement of subsidy to urea units and including them to take cost reduction measures on their own and be competitive.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present to target fertilizer subsidies only to the needy farmers/marginal and small farmers.